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CIA Charges Slander by Soviets

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) claims it is being slandered on a worldwide basis by a Soviet Government Bureau called the "department of disinformation."

This was the theme of a memorandum recently circulated by the CIA among the members of the House and Senate who oversee CIA affairs.

WHAT IS disinformation? According to the report the word comes from the Russian "Dezinformatsiya" and means, in Soviet terminology, "false, incomplete or misleading information that is passed, fed or confirmed to a targeted individual, group or country."

The report said the department was established in 1959 as a branch of KGB, the Soviet intelligence agency.

ITS AIM, CIA said, is to "mold, divide and mislead other governments or leaders, and cause them to adopt policies which are ultimately advantageous only to the Soviet Union."

Former CIA Director Allen W. Dulles, in his 1963 book, "The Craft of Intelligence," described the "disinformation" bureau as the centralized agency for "planning and launching deception operations."

"CIA in its intelligence role, is feared by the Soviets for its responsibility and ability to penetrate and unmask . . ." the recent CIA report said. "By striking at CIA, the attack also centers on the intelligence community with particular thrust against the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover."

It said the immediate objective was "the destruction, breakup and neutralization of CIA," and the longer range objective "is to isolate and destroy what the KGB designates as 'Glavni Vrag' (main enemy), the United States."

THE REPORT said the department is headed by Gen. Ivan Ivanovich Agayants, a senior professional intelligence officer, is staffed in Moscow by 40 to 50 specialists and produces between 350 and 400 items of misinformation annually.

It said these include planted newspaper articles and ghost-written books in the non-communist world. It gave as examples news stories published in Gahan that the CIA was linked with an attempted assassination, an article in a Greek newspaper branding CIA director Adm. William F. Raborn as a "master spy," and 14 instances of forged documents since 1961.